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1. The Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) General Service of Arms and Munitions is a branch of the Central Office of Supplies, directed by Tran Dang Minh. Its director is Tran Dai Nghia; the deputy director is Nguyen Ngoc Xuan. The service is divided into three offices, each staffed by about forty men:

- a. Personnel office Tinh
- b. Technical office, including workshops Nguyen Duy Thai
- c. Office of Technical Studies, including a study laboratory Tiep

2. The General Service of Arms and Munition headquarters is currently in the village of Quang Co, in the Cho Moi (105-47, 21-53) area of Thai Nguyen.

3. DRV armament production reached its peak in 1950 and has fallen 60 percent during 1951. This fall in production may be explained by the following reasons:

- a. Bombing of production centers has reduced the number of shops from six to two. These, designated by secret symbols K79 and K82, manufacture rifles, mines and SKZ cartridges exclusively.
- b. Chinese Communist assistance is limited to light arms and includes neither heavy arms nor production equipment.
- c. The current DRV purge has taken its toll of engineer cadres, reducing the country-wide total from 700 to 220.

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